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somebody already employed at the hospital to go out and do this work, whenever it needed to be done.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I think probably, and I'm purely guessing I never visited with Senator Goodrich on his amendment, I think maybe that was his intent, although we would be doing that, because it is legal that you could hire that nurse, it might have to be called part time. You'd be hiring the nurse private, but we do have in the county, we share nurses, we share you know in hiring and I think it would assist where a county is doing that, county wide, probably without a question and if the county was spread in your area if it spread that far they could use a local nurse, hospital nurse or whatever nurse was available, but the problem is how are they going to pay it by funding, this is what we are trying to solve. That they may be able to use village or city funding as the bill states.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, then Senator Stahmer, Senator Stull.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'd like to ask Senator Kennedy some

questions.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Great.

SENATOR CARPENTER: We know for example in line 8, it says that they shall have the power to employ a community nurse, and then we go down for example on line 21 it says they may employ a nurse, and then we go down a little bit further for example, the only thing that Senator Goodrich has put in here is that the hospital associations can furnish the nurses, is that correct?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Well I understand, and I never visited with Senator Goodrich, but from the way I inserted the language that I understood that it would be another avenue of hiring the nurse. I suppose if you had a hospital in your community you could hire that nurse out of that hospital.

SENATOR CARPENTER: But at that particular point isn't the hospital association represented by Mr. Mount.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Well I haven't visited with the hospital association, this was my bill in particular without that amendment, but -

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I don't say you had I only asked is Mr. Mount the lobbyist for the hospital association?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, I'm sure he was anyway.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And aren't they the same people who refused to make public their cost of doing business?

SENATOR KENNEDY: No, we have the information from, we do have that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is it public now?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: At one time it wasn't.

SENATOR KENNEDY: That is correct.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well now, you go down here, I don't see anything in the bill like Senator Stull said you didn't have before. If you got the authority to hire you certainly must have the authority to pay, if you got the money available to pay for it.